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**RESPONSE TO CLAIM RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2002 requiring restriction of inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121, applicant hereby elects, with traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 1-34.

The restriction requirement is traversed because it is believed that all of the claimed inventions are sufficiently related to each other to be examined in one patent application.

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